



ECCLESIASTICUS

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**6:1 In stead of a friend,
become not an
enemy; for thereby
thou shalt inherit an
ill name, shame, and
reproach: even so
shall a sinner that
hatha double tongue.**

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6:2 Extol not thy self
in the counsel of
thine own heart,
that thy soul be not
torn in pieces as a
bull straying alone.

6:3 Thou shalt eat up
thy leaves, and lose
thy fruit, and leave
thy self as a dry tree.

6:4 A wicked soul

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**shall destroy him
that hath it, and
shall make him to
be laughed to
scorn of his enemies.**

**6:5 Sweet language
will multiply friends:
and a fair speaking
tongue will increase
kind greetings.**

6:6 Be in peace with

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**many: nevertheless
have but one
counselor of
a thousand.**

**6:7 If thou wouldst
get a friend, prove
him first, and be not
hasty to credit him.**

**6:8 For some man is a
friend for his own
occasion, and will**

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**not abide in the day
of thy trouble.**

**6:9 And there is a
friend, who being
turned to enmity,
and strife, will
discover thy reproach.**

**6:10 Again some
friend is a companion
at the table, and
will not continue**

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**in the day
of thy affliction.**

**6:11 But in thy
prosperity he will
be as thy self,
and will be bowled
over thy servants.**

**6:12 If thou be brought
low, he will be against
thee, and will hide
himself from thy face.**

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6:13 Separate thy self
from thine enemies,
and take heed
of thy friends.

6:14 A faithful friend
is a strong defense:
and he that hath
found such an one,
hath found a treasure.

6:15 Nothing doth
countervail a faithful

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friend, and his
excellency is
invaluabale.

6:16 A faithful friend
is the medicine of life,
and they that fear the
Lord shall find him.

6:17 Who so feareth
the Lord shall direct
his friendship aright,
for as he is, so shall

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his neighbour be also.

6:18 My son, gather instruction from thy youth up: so shalt thou find **wisdom** till thine old age.

6:19 Come unto her as one that ploweth, and soweth, and wait for her good fruits, for thou shalt not

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**toil much in labouring
about her, but thou
shalt eat of her
fruits right soon.**

**6:20 She is very
unpleasant to the
unlearned: he that
is without
understanding,
will not remain
with her.**

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6:21 She will lie
upon him as a
mighty stone
of trial,
and he will cast
her from him ere
it be long.

6:22 For **wisdom**
is according to
her name,
and she is not

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manifest unto many.

6:23 Give ear, my son, receive my advice, and refuse not my counsel,

6:24 And put thy feet into her fetters, and thy neck into her chain.

6:25 Bow down thy shoulder, and

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**bear her, and be
not grieved with
her bonds.**

6:26 Come unto her
with thy whole heart,
and keep her ways
with all thy power.

6:27 Search and seek,
and she shall be made
known unto thee,
and when thou

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**hast got hold of her,
let her not go.**

6:28 For at the last
thou shalt find her
rest, and that shall
be turned to thy joy.

6:29 Then shall her
fettters be a strong
defense for thee, and
her chains a
robe of glory.

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6:30 For there is
a golden ornament
upon her, and her
bands are purple lace.

6:31 Thou shalt put her
on as a robe of
honour: and shalt put
her about thee as a
crown of joy.

6:32 My son, if thou
wilt, thou shalt be

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**taught: and if thou wilt
apply thy mind, thou
shalt be prudent.**

^{6:}33 If thou love
to hear, thou
shalt receive

understanding: and if
thou bow thine ear,
thou shalt be **wise.**

^{6:}34 Stand in the
multitude of the

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elders, and cleave
unto him that is **wise**.

6:35 Be willing to hear
every godly
discourse, and let
not the parables of
understanding
escape thee.

6:36 And if thou
seest a man of
understanding, get

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**thee betimes unto
him, and let thy
foot wear the
steps of his door.**

**^{6:}37 Let thy mind
be upon the
ordinances of the
Lord, and meditate
continually in his
commandments: he
shall establish thine**

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**heart, and give
thee
wisdom at thine
own desire.**